

**Administrator's Actions**

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## Hot Topics

- EPA conducted a Safe Drinking Water Act compliance monitoring inspection at the City of Benton Harbor's public water supply last week. The State of Michigan began bottled water delivery on **September 23** and will resume filter distribution and education later this week. EPA is in daily contact with the state and continues to monitor their progress. EPA is also deploying on-scene coordinators to assist and advise state partners as well as hear first-hand from residents and community leaders. EPA's engagement is intended to inform our oversight roles while also aiming to coordinate current activities as much as possible.



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**EPA continues to engage** with the state, local authorities, and the community in Benton Harbor, Michigan to support actions that will limit exposure to lead in drinking water. EPA staff from headquarters and Region 5 have mobilized to ensure there is prompt action to address the community's public health needs. EPA enforcement, technical, and community engagement staff are working with Michigan EGLE, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Berrien County Department of Public Health, the City of Benton Harbor, and community groups. EPA is providing support and oversight of Michigan's actions, including the delivery of bottled water to ensure an expeditious and effective response to the immediate and pressing water issues in Benton Harbor. The agency is also working with Michigan's state agencies, the City of Benton Harbor, and the drinking water system on long-term solutions, which are essential to ensuring the community's health and well-being.

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